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0144            **Operations**

0144.1        **Compensation**

Board members shall receive not more than \$30 per meeting up to a total of not more than fifty-two (52) meetings (including committee meetings) as compensation for their services. Expenses of a Board member shall be reimbursed when incurred in the performance of his/her duties or in the performance of functions authorized by the Board and duly vouchered.

M.C.L. 380.11a, 380.1254

The following guidelines have been established by the Board of Education to ensure appropriate and proper reimbursement of expenses for Board members.

- A. Expenses will be reimbursed only for activities authorized by the Board.
- B. Reimbursement for mileage will not exceed the current rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.
- C. Attendance at Board-approved conferences should be at the location closest to the District.
- D. When attending a Board-approved conference, all fees, parking, mileage, meals, and housing will be reimbursed. The maximum reimbursable expenses are as follows:

Housing - \$125.00 per night

Meals

Breakfast - \$15.00

Lunch - \$20.00

Dinner - \$30.00

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Purchase of any printed or other materials relating to Boardmanship will be reimbursed if prepurchase approval is given by the Board. If such approval is not possible or feasible, a voucher must be submitted to the Board for approval. No postpurchase voucher will be approved if it exceeds \$100.00.

No entertainment expenses or purchases of alcoholic beverages are reimbursable.

A voucher detailing the amount and nature of each expense must be submitted to the Board for approval at a Board meeting after the expenses have been incurred and prior to reimbursement.

Board members may use District credit or debit cards only in accordance with Board Policy 6423 and the accompanying administrative guidelines.

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## **Board Member Ethics**

As members of the Board of Education, Board members will strive to improve public education and to that end they will:

- A. attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- B. recognize that they should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
- C. render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
- D. encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;
- E. work with the other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the District to the Superintendent;
- F. communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;